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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At the top of the first page, just under the title, insert:

This is a Divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/518,724, filed March 3, 2000, the entire contents of which are incorporated by reference.

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, delete the whole paragraph starting with line 5 and replace it with the following new paragraph.

This invention relates to a group III nitride compound semiconductor device. More particularly, it relates to an improvement in an undercoat layer for a group III nitride compound semiconductor layer such as a GaN semiconductor layer.